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We are sending for your information a short record of the unofficial conversations with Konaka, a member of the Japanese "Peace for Vietnam" Committee.

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SHORT RECORD OF THE UNOFFICIAL CONVERSATIONS
with Konaka, member of the Japanese committee
"Peace for Vietnam"

Konaka, a member of the Japanese "Peace for Vietnam" committee arrived in Moscow on the 26-th of March this year after participating in an emergency conference with representatives of international and national organizations for a cessation of aggression in Vietnam. Oda Makoto, the "Peace for Vietnam" committee's chairman, could not participate in the Stockholm conference and follow on to Moscow, since his mother died on the 20-th of March. However, according to Konaka, Oda should be coming to the USSR in April.

Konaka came to Moscow for a solution to the "technical problems" associated with sending American deserters out of Japan. In his words, he is in a group of several people who are concerned with the stay of deserters in Japan and sending them abroad. Oda Makoto and the rest of the "Peace for Vietnam" committee members, considering all the specifics of the given issue and in order to not attract undue attention from the Japanese police, are intentionally unfamiliar with the details of American deserters issue.

Evidently, in official discussions Konaka will request advise with regard to American deserters in Japan of which there are already more than 11. In particular, he will request to be advised as to which country (or countries) the deserters be could be sent, considering that the "Peace for Vietnam" committee is able to send them anywhere by sea. Before arriving in Moscow, Konaka stayed in Paris, where he discussed similar issues with the French Committee for the Protection of Peace, and in Stockholm he conversed with Svanstrem, a Swedish public figure. However, Konaka says, after these negotiations the issue remained insoluble as before.

Konaka said, that the leadership of the "Peace for Vietnam" committee believes that the strengthening of friendly contact between the "Peace for Vietnam" committee and the Soviet Committee for the Protection of Peace and the Soviet Committee for the Support of Vietnam is long overdue.

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The unofficial conversations with Konaka create the impression that the issue of developing contacts between Soviet social organizations and the "Peace for Vietnam" committee, is left for debate between them and Oda Makoto, and Konaka, in his own words, is authorized to discuss only the practical issues relating to American deserters.

P.G. Tarasov, the deputy director of the International Dept of the Soviet Committee for the Protection of Peace and S.A. Levchenko, an advisor to the Soviet Committee for Solidarity in Asia and Africa, participated in the unofficial discussions.

Contents of the conversations recorded by
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